

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. (currently amended) A cable guide comprising:

a hollow body, said body provided with a slot that extends through ~~a wall~~ of the hollow body and extends between first and second ends of the body to allow ~~cable~~ cables to be added or removed from the body,

a column ring provided on a said first end of said body, said column ring provided with channels on its outer edge for removably receiving said cables within the channels, said column ring being rotatable so that each channel can sequentially align with said slot to provide access to each channel, and

the body provided with a cylindrical portion adjacent the second end onto which cable ties can be pre-tied in preparation for slipping the cable ties off the second end and around ~~a bundle of~~ said cables as the cables exit the second end.

2. (previously presented) A cable guide according to Claim 1 further comprising:

a flexible boot secured to said second end for squeezing the cables into a bundle as they exit the second end.

3. (currently amended) A cable guide according to Claim 2 further comprising:

said flexible boot provided with a boot slot that extends through the ~~he~~ boot, said boot slot being aligned with said slot in the body.

4. (previously presented) A cable guide according to Claim 3 further comprising:

said flexible boot provided with a central opening that is continuous with the boot slot.

5. (previously presented) A cable guide according to Claim 4 further comprising:

flexible fingers extending into said central opening as a means of squeezing cables into a bundle as the cables exit the second end.

6. (previously presented) A cable guide according to Claim 5 wherein the flexible boot is smaller than the second end so that cable ties that are pre-tied around the cylindrical portion of the body can be slid off of the second end.

7. (previously presented) A cable guide according to Claim 1 wherein the first end has a larger diameter than the second end.

8. (previously presented) A cable guide according to Claim 7 wherein the cylindrical end had a diameter approximately the same as the diameter of the second end.

9. (previously presented) A cable guide according to Claim 1 further comprising:

a separating ring provided on the first end so that the separating ring divides each channel into an inner half and an outer half, said separating ring provided with a ring opening extending through the separating ring, said separating ring being rotatable so that the ring opening sequentially aligns with each channel to provide access between the inner half and the outer half for each channel.

10. (previously presented) A cable guide according to Claim 1 further comprising:

a mark provided on said column ring in association with each channel to identify the channel and cable contained within the channel.

11. (previously presented) A cable guide according to Claim 1 wherein the channels are spaced apart from each other so that the slot in the body can be positioned so that it does not align with any of the channels as a means of retaining cable within the channels.